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Re: the Application of:

Christopher R. Eccles

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Dear Examiner Palabrica:

This Amendment is preliminary to examination in the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith and responds to arguments raised in the Office Action mailed May 19, 2003. We request a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application to October 19, 2003. This Amendment is timely filed because October 19, 2003 falls on a Sunday. Please enter and consider the following:

- Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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